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Falmouth, Febr. 15.

THE 13 instant put in here the *Orange Tree* of Middleburg from Surinam, from whence she came in eleven Weeks. The Master reports, that when he left that Colony, there was a very great Sickness among the Inhabitants, and that many died; so that Sugars and other Commodities would be very scarce there this year. Here are in Port several Vessels bound for France, who will put to Sea with the first fair wind.

Mosco, Decemb. 28. This Court is at present in some disorder, upon the discovery of a Plot to take away the life of our young Czar, a great many persons have been examined and tortured; but as yet the whole truth does not appear. The late Chancellor *Artemon Sergewitz*, who was about three months since banished into *Siberia*, is sent for back, and 100 Horse is appointed to bring him hither; and from him it is believed the whole Conspiracy may be discovered. In the mean time all publick affairs are at a stand, and the Danish Envoy the *Sieur Gate* has not yet obtained any answer to his late Memorial, wherein he used several arguments to induce the Czar to enter into a War against *Sueden*, to which this Court has hitherto shown very little disposition. Here has for some weeks past been much talk of a likelihood of a War between us and the Poles, for that the latter insisted to have *Kiovia* restored, pursuant to the last Treaty concluded between the two Crowns; but after all, it appears to have been without any foundation; and we have good reason to believe that the King of Poland will not at this time begin a War with us.

Genova, Febr. 16. We gave you formerly an account, that eight Spanish Men of War were sailed from *Final*, designed for *Sicily*; and that they had on board near 3000 Land Soldiers; since we have the ill news, that the Admiral and another Man of War of this Squadron have been cast away in bad weather on these Coasts.

Copenhagen, Febr. 13. The Frost we had for seven or eight days is now quite broke again, and the Thaw is so great, that we may in few days expect to see the Sound wholly clear of Ice. Major-General *Meerhym*, who commands at *Christianstadt*, continues to make frequent incursions, and very much to incommode the Enemy thereby; and there is news in Town, that being abroad 7 or 8 days since he had the good fortune to meet with a Swedish party, who served as a Convoy to several pieces of Cannon, taken from us in the last Fight, and which the Suedes were sending to *Stockholme*, that he defeated the said party, and re-took the Cannon. The *Heer Tromp* will certainly part from hence the next week for *Holland*. The Equipage of the Men of War our King intends to put to Sea advances apace. Yesterday arrived here the Duke de *Croy*.

Vienna, Febr. 14. The preparations of War are carried on with all possible vigor and diligence, and there is much discourse of the great Army the Emperor will have this Campaign. Here has been a report in Town, as if the Rebels of *Hungary*, upon some new encouragement they have received from abroad, had

wholly laid aside the thoughts of submitting themselves to the Emperor; and, it is added, that they have caused certain Gentlemen who were sent to acquaint them that the Emperor had consented to their pardon to be beheaded, but we are unwilling to give any credit hereunto, or else are apt to believe that those Gentlemen may have fallen into the hands of some party which was abroad, and that the action will be utterly disowned by these, who made the offer of returning to their duty upon the Emperors pardon. In a day or two we shall be better informed what these reports have of truth in them. We have advice that the Elector of *Bavaria* has given out Commissions for the recruiting all the Regiments he has at present on foot.

Liege, Febr. 15. Our Magistrates have ordered all the Gates of this City, save one to be kept shut, being in some apprehension of the Dutch Troops at *Hassel*, by reason of their having not as yet received satisfaction from the Clergy of this Diocess, in the point of Contributions. The French have finally blown up the Castle of *Limburg*, which hath cost them much pains, because of its situation on a Rock. *Maestricht* is now declared by the French to be the Capital of *Limburg*, with a command that all Courts of Judicature, &c. shall be held there for the future.

Hamburg, Febr. 19. The 12 instant the Elector of *Brandenburg* arrived at *Magdeburg*, and parted from thence again the next day, purposing to be at *Wesel* the 22 instant. Our Letters from *Denmark* bring not any thing of moment, they still speak of the great preparations that are making there for an early Campaign; that the King of *Sueden* was not gone for *Gottenburg*, as some Letters have formerly mentioned, but that he had his quarters in a small Village called *Wee* near *Christianstadt*; that he expected a considerable reinforcement from *Sueden*, and that upon their arrival in the Army, we might hear of some farther action. There are some Letters which speak of the death of *Griffenfelt* alias *Schoenmacker* in his Prison at *Copenhagen*.

Strasbourg Febr. 19. Two or three days since we had an account that the *Sieur de Monclas*, and the *Sieur de la Brosse* were returned to *Brissac*, and that they were preparing to lay a Bridge over the *Rhone* at *Bourker*, above *Brissac*; and this day we receive advice, that a Body of French have passed the *Rhone* there, and are marched into *Brissac*, with design, as is believed, to ruine the Countrey, that the Imperial Troops may not draw any subsistence from thence. The French have quitted *Deuxponts*, and have burnt greatest part of the Town; the Garrison that was there is marched to *Metz*.

Cologne, Febr. 23. The Duke of *Neubourg* is expected at *Dusseldorp* the latter end of this week. The meeting his Highness had with the Elector of *Bavaria* has not had the effect we had promised our selves; for his Electoral Highness will not be persuaded to depart from the resolution he has taken to remain Neutral in the present War; which, that he may be able to do with greater security, his Electoral Highness has given out Commissions for the recruiting his old Regiments, and raising